Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 29 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 30 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 28 Dec 2022 at 14:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium, but low on Friday regarding snow levels. Low from later Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 29 Dec 2022: Mainly cloudy with snow showers, falling as rain at lower levels during the day. Hill fog. Fresh to strong westerly winds, occasional blizzard conditions possible.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 29 Dec 2022

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	50%	60%	30%	50%	70%	30%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 29 Dec 2022

Weather: Mainly cloudy with showers, falling as snow as low as 300m in early housr but mostly above 600m during the day. Some blizzard conditions on the Munros at times. Perhaps some brightness in the morning in the north. Showers becoming heavier mid to late afternoon then more scattered in the evening but those that remain will be wintry to low levels.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% rising 40% in evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken to overcast cloud at 600-800m with patches to 450m in showers. Visibility often poor due to snow and very poor where bilzzards develop, but good in drier weather below cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	15/19 W	23/29 W	20/27 W	16/20 SW	23/30 SW	34/44 W	31/42 W	27/36 SW	24/32 SW
900	14/18 W	22/28 W	20/26 W	15/19 SW	21/28 SW	32/42 W	30/41 W	25/34 SW	23/31 SW
600	8/13 W	14/21 W	13/20 W	9/14 SW	13/19 SW	22/32 W	19/30 W	16/25 SW	15/23 SW
300	5/15 W	5/21 W	5/20 W	2/12 SW	4/20 SW	8/33 W	7/29 W	4/23 SW	4/21 SW
Glen	4/9 W	8/18 W	5/14 W	4/10 W	6/14 W	14/29 W	11/25 W	6/18 SW	5/15 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-9	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-9	-3/-12	-4/-13	-5/-13	-4/-12
900	-2/-8	-1/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-1/-8	-2/-11	-3/-12	-4/-12	-4/-11
600	-0/-4	0/-5	1/-4	0/-4	1/-4	-0/-7	-1/-7	-2/-8	-1/-7
300	0/-2	2/-1	2/-0	2/0	2/0	1/-2	1/-2	-0/-2	0/-2
Glen	3/1	5/2	5/3	5/3	5/3	4/0	4/0	3/1	3/1
Freezing Level*	500m	700m	700m	700m	800m	500m	300m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Despite less cold weather at low levels, expect full winter conditions on the mountains.

Forecast for Friday 30 Dec 2022

Weather: Outbreaks of snow arriving in early hours and lasting through the morning, heavy at times, snow to quite low levels at first but probably turning to rain up to about 600-750m later. Extensive hill fog. Blizzards. Snow showers falling to lower levels in the evening.

Maximum wind: South or southeasterly 40 gusts 60mph veering southwesterly 35 gusts 50mph by mid morning, slowly decreasing later in the day, then veering northwesterly and strengthening late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% until late morning, improving 30% in afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud at 450-600m then occasionally broken and lifting 750-900m in the afternoon. Very poor visibility in cloud, heavy snow and blizzards, some improvements in afternoon away from cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius rising to Plus 3.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius rising to zero in the afternoon, then Minus 3 later in evening.
Freezing level: 400m lifting to 750m then falling 400m in evening. Considerable uncertainty in the freezing levels.

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